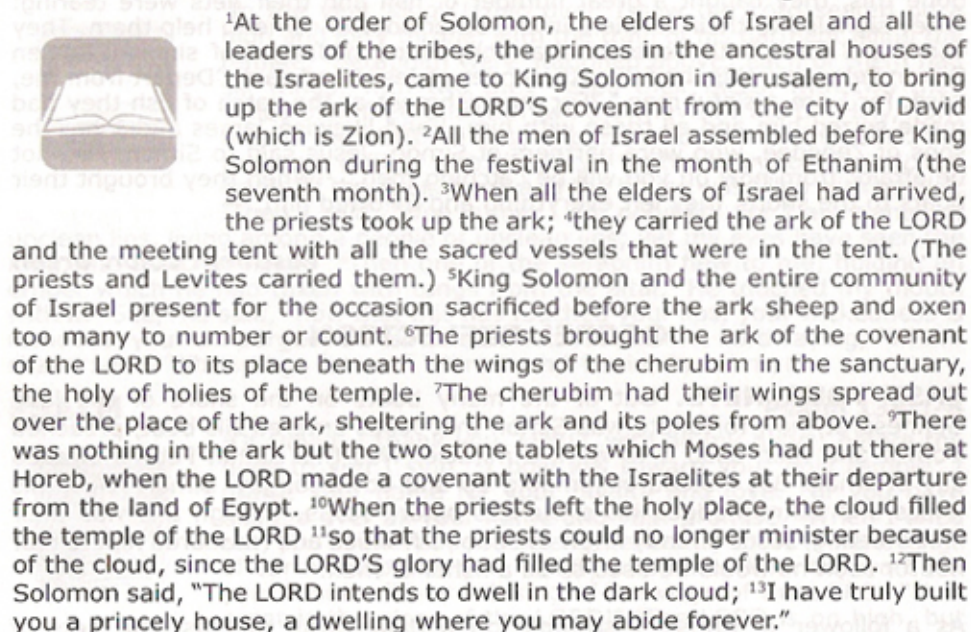
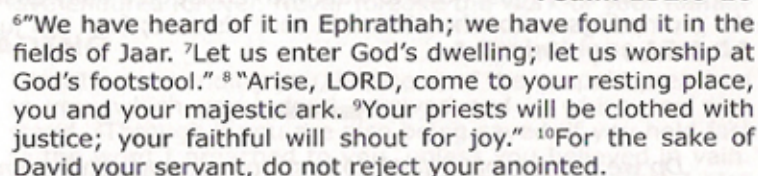


## GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD

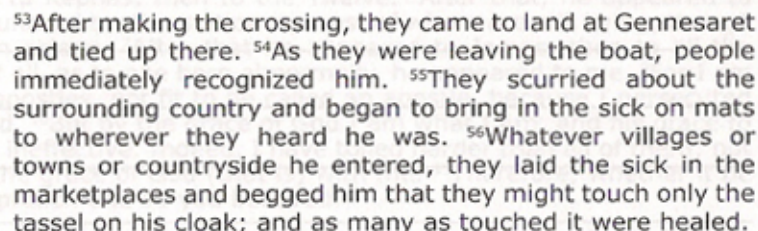
### 1 Kings 8:1-7.9-13



### Psalm 132:6-10



### Mark 6:53-56



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

**OUR LORD HEALS.** Healing may come in the different aspects of our lives – physically, emotionally, or spiritually. Jesus is the true source of all healing and the source of all strength. As the Gospel illustrates, everyone who desires to be made well is brought to Him. Come to think of it, if any person is physically ill, even the best doctors and nurses or the most expensive medications cannot make a person well, if it is simply not the Lord's bidding to take away that person's illness.

The good news is that Jesus allows us to come and, more often, He is there patiently waiting. He is present in our lives, most especially when we are ill. When we need His healing, it is then that we are brought closer to the Lord and so our tribulations give us more reasons to come before Him and to trust in Him.

But just like in the Gospel, we have to desire the Lord and His healing. We have to choose to come before Him, with or without the help of our brothers and sisters, to reach out, to hold Him and to receive His healing.

*Are we waiting for healing that we have not yet asked for?*

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

The commandment of God in order to uphold your tradition.<sup>18</sup> For Jesus said  
one thing to human tradition "the word on to say," "how well you have got your  
teaching as doctrine human precepts." You disregard God's commandments  
with their lies, but their hearts are far from me; I will do them nothing at all."  
Isaiah prophesied about you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors me  
with lips but indeed eat a meal with unclean hearts.'<sup>19</sup> He answered: "Well, as  
Christus questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the  
elders? And how can they?" So the Pharisees and  
many other things that they have traditionally observed, they  
do not put without annulling themselves. And there is  
tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace,  
he did not without carefully washing their hands, leaving it  
unwashed, hands." (For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews  
come of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is,  
from Jerusalem gathered around him, they observed the  
Now when the Pharisees with some scribes who had come

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